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## *EDITORIAL.*

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THERE is nothing more remarkable in the whole range of geological history than the peculiar associations and successions of contrasted faunas and floras and of glacial beds and coal deposits in the southern portion of the eastern continent during the closing Palæozoic and opening Mesozoic eras. Scarcely less interesting are the shifting relations of faunas and floras and the implied geographic connections and disseverances of the ages which follow these and find expression in the eastern part of the same continent and the western portion of our own. The contributions of the last two or three decades from the circum-Pacific provinces have done much to break down current interpretations of geological history and to build up new ones. And there is doubtless more to come. In this field, with little question, lies the solution of many radical problems. It is therefore a matter of congratulation that, beside the work of the national and state surveys, two rapidly rising universities on our Pacific border are vigorously pushing geological inquiry and rapidly giving the public the benefit of their results. The nearly simultaneous offering of three papers relating to California geology, and the knowledge that others were in preparation, suggested the gathering of these into a California number of the *JOURNAL*, both as a means of concentrating interest and as a recognition of the richness of the field and the industry and ability of its workers.

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